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As an IT professional, I feel you have let Microsoft off incredibly lightly. As the evidence has shown, they use bully boy tactics to stifle young companies and technologies, thus dominating every market they are involved in. This is a monopoly position, however the lawyers dress it up, which is extremely unhealthy in a capitalist market.

When you think that the only software currently able to compete with Microsoft on the desktop is free, Linux, and the Apple Macintosh, both of which have small percentages.

My recommendations would be:

You should, split microsoft into separate companies that will stimulate competition.

Stop Microsoft having the ability to decide that everyone who buys a standard PC must have their software, if they want it or not.

Force them to pay the people they destroyed (Netscape etc) compensation

Force them to donate money (not free software - thus perpetuating the monopoly) to your country's education system.

All I can hope as a European citizen is that our European government deals with this predatory monopolist in a far harsher manner than you have.

I can only conclude that certain other previous monopolists (Oil, Telecoms, IBM) must be very annoyed at the way this company is being dealt with.

It does raise the question, does the public know all there is to know, or are there some new Swiss bank accounts being filled as I type. If there are not, it's what it looks like to me from the other side of the pond.

I hope this email in some small way adds to the debate.

Yours

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